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First Inventor: Klaus SIMON  
Title: Lithographic Apparatus and Device  
Manufacturing Method

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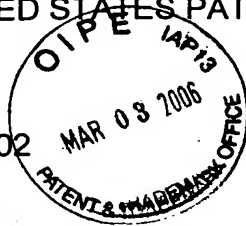


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In Re the Application of  
Klaus SIMON et al.  
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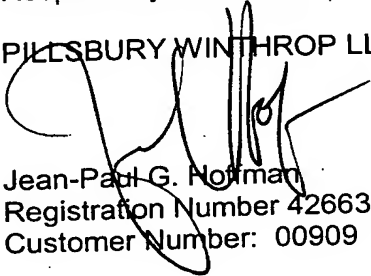
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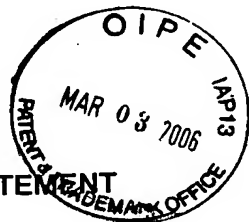
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	LLR	WO 2004/053959 A1	06/2004	PCT	SHIRAI	X			
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